Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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Surface Transportation Board Attn: Vernon A. Williams Washington, DC 20423-0001 #E1-1883



RE:

Proposed Abandonment Exemption

Forest County, Wisconsin

STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 29X) **LL-THPO Number: 05-261-NCRI**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

I have reviewed the documentation; after careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any concerns regarding sites of religious or cultural importance in this area.

Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately in this order: County Sheriff's Office and Office of the State Archaeologist.

You may contact me at (218) 335-2940 if you have questions regarding our review of this project. Please refer to the LL-THPO Number as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Papasodora

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer